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KUWAIT FOR SECRETARY SIMON'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM, OVIP (SECY TRSY SIMON)

SUBJECT: ACTIVATION OF USDEL RIYADH

1. SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON REQUESTS THAT "USDEL RIYADH" COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES BE RECONSTITUTED IMMEDIATELY AND REMAIN IN OPERATION THROUGH DEPARTURE OF US/SAUDI WORKING GROUPS EVENING 25 JULY.

2. SECRETARY SIMON HAS BEEN TOLD THAT FULL OPERATION OF USDEL RIYADH SYSTEM WOULD REQUIRE TDY OF TWO STATE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATORS TO JIDDA TO ALLOW COMMUNICATOR FROM JIDDA TO PROCEED TO RIYADH, AND, GIVEN CURRENT CYPRUS CRISIS PLUS NORMAL DIFFICULTIES IN TRAVEL TO SAUDI ARABIA, WOULD PROBABLY TAKE SEVERAL DAYS MINIMUM. SIMON PARTY NONETHELESS BELIEVES PRESENT DOD/USMTM COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS ARE INADEQUATE AND REQUESTS THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO IMPLEMENT USDEL RIYADH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SECRETARY SIMON WILL REQUIRE DAILY EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY AFTER HIS (SIMON'S) DEPARTURE FROM RIYADH JULY 21.
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